



St. Mary's C.E. School, Putney

Year 5 Half-Termly Letter to Parents

Spring 1, January 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Happy New Year and welcome back to another half term at St Mary's. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday. I am delighted to have returned to St Mary's and I am excited to enjoy the rest of the year with Year 5. This month, we are also joined by the wonderful Miss McInnis, an additional teacher who will be supporting the class with their learning throughout January. We are delighted to have her supporting the class and sharing her expertise with us.

Already this term, Year 5 have dived headfirst back into their learning.

In our new Science topic, 'Properties and Changes of Materials', the children have been investigating the properties of the three states of matter (solids, liquids and gases) and observing what happens when you add raisins to lemonade!

I was delighted to learn that the children really enjoyed their previous History topic, 'The Vikings'. This half term they can use all the knowledge they have gained to help them to understand and write about Norse myths in our English lessons.

With all this and more to learn, its going to be a busy term!

School Journey Residential Trip

We are so excited about our Trip to Sayers Croft in a few weeks! Year 5 will attend their school journey from Monday 29th January to Tuesday 30th January. A parent information meeting about Sayers Croft will take place on Wednesday 17th January at 6pm in the school hall. This is for parents only and all parents are encouraged to attend if they can.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding the children at St. Mary's is the responsibility of all staff, parents and professionals who come on site. If you have a safeguarding concern, our Designated Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Kerry Dunford. Her contact email is:

kdunford.212@lqflmail.org.

If there are safeguarding concerns, which take place outside of school hours please contact the Wandsworth Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). Their contact details are: Telephone: 020 8871 6622 or e-mail: MASH@wandsworth.gov.uk.

The Curriculum

Your child will continue to follow the national curriculum's Upper Key Stage Two programme of study. However, to help cover identified gaps or missed learning from the pandemic; we will also go over key objectives deemed essential for progression. This will likely take the form of review or catch up sessions prior to starting any new content for the Year 5 curriculum.

To view the Year 5 curriculum intent please see the Year 5 Curriculum Map, which can be viewed on our school website here: <http://www.stmarysschoolputney.co.uk/our-curriculum/#curric>

We will be following the content outlined in the spring term.

PE Arrangements

This year your child's PE lessons will take place every **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Your child can attend school on these days wearing the St. Mary's PE kit. If your child takes part in a school sports club before or after school on a **non-PE** day, **they are required to change** i.e. sports club before school then bring school uniform to change into and after school bring PE kit to get changed into.

Home Learning
Maths: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams and should be handed in the following Wednesday. Most maths home learning will link with Mathletics and should take on average 30-40 minutes.
English: Set on Friday via Microsoft Teams, to be handed in remotely on Wednesday
Spellings: Word lists given at the start of the term. Tested on Friday
Reading: Daily for at least 15 minutes each evening
Times Tables: Tested on Friday
Home learning will not be set during holidays

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9th January - Start of Spring 1 Term

Friday 12th January - Celebration Worship @9.15am in the School Hall

Tuesday 16th January - Volunteer Parent Induction - please contact the office if you would like to attend

Wednesday 17th January - Sayers Croft Meeting @ 6pm in the School Hall

Thursday 18th January - Young Voices Concert @ O2 Arena (KS2 Choir)

Tuesday 23rd January - Eucharist @St. Mary's Church - all welcome

Monday 29th - Tuesday 30th Sayers Croft Residential

Friday 2nd February - Celebration Worship @ 9.15 am in the School Hall

Monday 5th - Friday 9th February 2024 - Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February - Last day of Spring 1

Monday 19th February - Start of Spring 2 Term

Communication

If you have any queries about the daily routine or what your child is learning, or perhaps to inform us of other matters relating to your child, then do not hesitate to get in touch with any member of the Year 5 team. As always the best way to do this is through the use of your child's PACT. The PACT e-mail is a great tool for communication between home and school, so please do not hesitate in using it. The address is: Class2018@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sch.uk

Keep in the loop with social media

The school actively uses two social media platforms to communicate school news and events, so please check them out and follow us:

Twitter <https://twitter.com/PutneySMPS>
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PutneySMPS/>

Wishing you all the best for the term ahead!

Kindest regards,
Ms Hesketh
Miss McInnis
Mrs Dias
(Year 5 Team)